

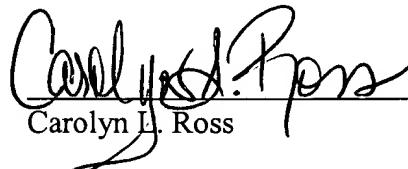


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Applicant : Vishnu K. Agarwal

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Art Unit : 2815

Customer No. : 27,076

Examiner : Jose R. Diaz

Title : DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AA	6,624,069	09/23/03	Lee et al.	438	665	
	AB						
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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1001	770	2001	385	<input type="checkbox"/> Utility Filing Fee
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1004	770	2004	385	<input type="checkbox"/> Reissue Filing Fee
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

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1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent Claim
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1051	130	2051	65 Surcharge - Late filing fee or oath
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1053	130	1053	130 Non-English specification
1812	2,520	1812	2,520 For Filing a Request for ex parte Reexamination
1804	920	1804	920 Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
1805	1,840	1805	1,840 Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251	110	2251	55 Extension for reply within first month
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1401	330	2401	165 Notice of Appeal
1402	330	2402	165 Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403	290	2403	145 Request for oral hearing
1814	110	2814	55 Terminal Disclaimer Fee
1452	110	2452	55 Petition to revive – unavoidable
1453	1,330	2453	665 Petition to revive – unintentional
1501	1,330	2501	665 Utility/Reissue issue fee
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1806	180	1806	180 Submission of IDS
8021	40	8021	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
1801	770	2801	385 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)

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